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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express by opinion in support of the Microsoft antitrust settlement during the public comment period. This settlement is comprehensive and fair. It will end the three years of litigation. It will prevent run-away antitrust litigation, such as what previously happened with AT&T and IBM and other companies.

The settlement will aid Microsoft's partners and competitors in using Microsoft's Windows platform as a springboard for their success. The settlement will enable other companies to more closely integrate their products Windows, through Microsoft release of the code for its internal interfaces and server interoperability protocols, and licensing of other intellectual property on non-discriminatory terms. Computer makers and others will have more flexibility to modify the Windows desktop through removing Microsoft's programs, such as Internet Explorer, and adding their own, such as AOL Times Warner's Netscape Navigator. These terms address the concerns raised by other companies. They will benefit the American computer industry as a whole. This will, in turn, benefit the American economy, which has been battered in the recent years, partly by the precipitous decline of the technology sector.

I appreciate your support for the settlement. The federal judge, recently appointed to replace the previous judge, should approve the settlement in the best interests of the public. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Denis Beaulieu

cc: Representative Robert Wexler